years. Their names are placed at Annex 'B'.

(d) There is no exclusive allotment of funds for this purpose.

Competition in Telephone Services

1976. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA. Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a British Expert, Sir Bryan V. Carsberg, Director-General, Office of Telecommunications, England had suggested that India should allow competition in telephone services; and

(b) if so, what is the response of Government to the above suggestion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Prof. Sir Bryan V. Carsberg did not suggest that India should allow competition in telephone services but that it was for India to decide what was best and appropriate for India. He talked about the reforms and organisational changes in the field of tele-communications with particular reference to U. K.

(b) Does not arise.

Issuence of Bond by NTPC

1977. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Thermal Power Corporation is considering another issue of bonds to supplement its funds;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the cumulative amount so far raised from bonds and the purpose for which it was utilised;

(c) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation has planned additional capacities in the eastern and western regions and whether these projects have any World Bank assistance; and

(d) whether there is any foreign tie-up in any of these projects, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) The National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) are considering issue of Power Bonds of an aggregate value of Rs. 500 crores during the current financial year by way of private placement with banks. The Corporation have so far issued Bonds of an aggregate value of about Rs. 1183.00 crores for the purpose of financing the capital cost of some of their projects.

(c) and (d) The proposed Farakka Super Thermal Power Project State-III (1 × 500 MW) in the Easten Region and the Additional Transmission system associated with the Vindhyachal Super Thermal Power Project State-I in the Western Region have been proposed to the World Bank. The Vindhyachal Super Thermal Power Project State-II (2 × 500 MW) has been identified for Soviet assistance.

जोधपुर रेलवे परिसर में प्रधान डाकघर का निर्माण

1978. **श्री भंवर लाल पंवार:** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) जोधपुर रेलवे परिसर में प्रधान डाकघर के निर्माण के लिए प्रारंभ में कितनी अवधि निश्चित की गई थी;

(ख) क्या इसका निर्माण-कार्य निर्धारित अवधि के भीतर पूरा हो जाने की सभावना है; और

(ग) यदि उपरोक्त भाग (ख) का उत्तर ना हो तो